

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action of March 30, 2010, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying request for continued examination and Amendment of the claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 7 are amended to specify that the public key is stored by another integrated circuit of the apparatus, the secret key is stored by the integrated circuit, the public key is used to encrypt a random number generated by the another integrated circuit, the secret key is used to decrypt the encrypted random number, the decrypted random number is appended to data stored in the integrated circuit, the secret key is used to encrypt the appended random number and data, and the public key is used to decrypt the encrypted random number appended to the data. Support for this amendment can be found at paragraphs [0411]-[0444] of US 2004/0172532; and dependent claims 2-5 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 11

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 7, and dependent claims 2-5, is not disclosed or suggested by Auerbach either considered alone or in view of the Examiner's official notice, because Auerbach does not teach or suggest the specific sequence of encryption and decryption of the random number and data, recited in the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,



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